Passage 8 Sura 96.1–5.

Read! in the name of your Lord, who created, 2. Created man out of a clot of congealed blood: 3. Proclaim! And your Lord is most bountiful, 4. He who taught by the pen, 5. Taught man what he did not know.

Main Theme

- The main theme of the passage is Allah's relation with his created world specifically highlighting Allah's special relation with Human beings.
- It mentions God's power to create and ensure the survival and growth of mankind.
- Allah created man from a low origin and then matured him physically, intellectually and spiritually by enabling him to read and write.
- Humans were created with a valueless subsistence as substance of earth (clay) was considered inferior as compare to Angles, created from light and Jinns created from smokeless fire but Allah gifted man from His attribute of knowledge more than the Angels and Jinns and asked them to pay homage to human beings as vicegerents on Earth.
- It shows Allah special relation with Human beings based on His special love, care, mercy, protection, guidance and favours for them.
- Allah loves Man who is the crown of His creatures and raised his status by equipping him with knowledge.
- Quran endorses this fact: "We have indeed created man in the best of moulds" (96:4al-Tin).
- Human ability to acquire knowledge enables them to learn, both worldly and divine sciences so that man is able to find means of physical survival as well as take care of his intellectual and spiritual development.
- God has revealed divine books for spiritual guidance of mankind. Thus, man is totally dependent on his creator Lord in all spheres of life and activity.
- Muslims are commanded to proclaim his bounties and adore him alone especially because of his bounty of divine guidance mentioned in the Quran: "It is He who has taught the Quran" (55:2, al-Rahman).
- This passage emphasis on acquiring knowledge and recognising the knowledge that God gives to humankind.

Importance of Main Theme

- This theme is too much important for a believer to realise his origin and Allah's favours and blessings on him.
- It enables a Muslims to acknowledge God's Greatness and His special blessings, favours and mercy on Human beings as he created man from a low origin and

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then enabled him to acquire knowledge and thus made him superior to all other creatures.

- It enables Muslims to identify their lord and his bounties and adore him alone and be grateful to Allah for His special care, love, favours, protection and guidance for human beings by worshipping him alone and showing gratitude by words and actions both.
- Seeking knowledge is encouraged and so humankind should try their best to learn throughout their lives as each subject has a value to it and can help humans get closer to God.
- It encourage believers to focus on observation and scientific research as knowledge of reality and laws of nature leads to Allah and reflects his power, authority and perfection as the Creator.
- Knowledge of science reflects the signs of Allah and phenomena of nature reflect God's unity and majesty.
- It refers to the cycles of day and night as evidence. Immaculate system of this universe, creation of day and night in perfect rotation and movement of the heavenly bodies in their orbits without a minute difference, His flawless creation and perfect equilibrium in the system is proof of Allah's existence and fruit for thought and reasoning for humans.
- This passage also helps Muslims understand how prophethood and Islam started and gratefulness to God.

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